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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Mark Gilmore Mears et al.

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For: Remote Control with Programmable Button Labeling and  
Labeling Display Upon Button Actuation

Examiner: Xiao Min Wu

Art Unit: 2629

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir,

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 30, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending January 30, 2007 was set in which to respond, for which pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), a two-month extension ending on March 30, 2007, is hereby requested, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Please charge the required fee of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00) for extending the time for a response within the second month after the original response date, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b) to Deposit Account 07-0832 as authorized by the Request for Continued Examination.

In view of the attached RCE, and request for two month extension of time this response is considered timely.

**Listing/Amendments of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.